	Qty (In Mts.)	Value (Rs in Crores)	Average Price realisation (Rs. per Kg.)	%increase over the previous year	
				Value terms	Qty terms
1993-94	15928	33.90	21.28	—	—
1994-95	16813	40.49	24.10	5.56	19.44
1995-96	22287	53.24	23.89	32.56	31.49

Source DGCI&S, Calcutta.

The average price realised from export of grapes during 1995-96 was slightly lower than the previous year. Some of the reasons for the same are:—

(i) Stiff price competition from grapes exported from Chile.

(ii) Overseas buyers sourcing inferior quality of grapes from India.

(d) Some steps taken to enhance the export of perishable agricultural products including grapes are:

(i) Providing financial assistance for development of infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised transprot units, establishment of precooling units/ cold storage facilities;

(ii) Soft loans given for setting up of grading/processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipments;

(iii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packing and strengthening of quality control;

(iv) Grant of financial assistance for market development and exprot promotion;

(v) Establishment of walk-in-type cold storage for export consignments awaiting clearance;

(vi) Setting up of air cargo facilities for cargo handling and customs clearance facilities under one roof;

(vii) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facility for improved acceptability of the products;

(viii) Setting up of dedicated cargo handling facilities at air-ports;

(ix) Arranging buyer-sellers Meets and participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions;

(x) Providing information about trend of prices in foreign markets to producers/ exporters.

Delay in Supply of Wheat by FCI

*433. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains particularly wheat stocks procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) are not flushed out well in time to the consuming areas like Gujarat and Southern parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take for the timely despatch of wheat and rice stocks by FCI to the consuming areas like Gujarat etc. in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC

DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of procurement and movement (Rice & wheat) for the year 93-94 and 94-95 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The shortfall in movement can be attributed to long hauls, limited availability of rakes, delay in timely release of wagons and procurement within a short period.

(c) The following important steps have been taken:—

(i) Close coordination with the Railways was maintained. This resulted in improved supply of rakes from 14.1/day during 1994 to 17.1/day during 1995 and 19.1/day during 1996 (so far).

(ii) Wherever feasible, road movement was resorted to;

(iii) Quick release of wagons by FCI was emphasised to improve wagon availability;

(iv) Open wagons were used to the extent possible.

Statement

Movement of Wheat in Gujarat and Southern parts of the Country

(Figs. in lakh tons)

1. OVERALL PROCUREMENT AND MOVEMENT

Year	Procurement			Movement			Remarks
	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total	
1993-94	128.3	135.6	263.9	102.8	88.8	191.6	A part of the procurement is consumed locally in the States without involving rail movement.
1994-95	118.6	131.2	249.8	91.5	75.4	167.0	

2. MOVEMENT TO GUJARAT AND SOUTHERN STATES

State	Year	Movement Planned			Actual Movement			
		Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total	
GUJARAT	1993-94	9.95	2.3	12.25	7.56	2.48	10.04	(82%)
	1994-95	7.2	3.5	10.75	5.52	3.35	8.87	(82.5%)
SOUTHERN	1993-94	23.83	40.01	63.84	19.01	35.25	54.26	(85%)
STATES	1994-95	29.15	33.1	62.25	24.37	26.88	51.25	(82.3%)

Policy regarding foreign investments

*434. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy regarding foreign investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above policy is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The foreign investment policy is constantly reviewed to make it more investor-friendly and dynamic with the objective of increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the Country particularly, in the priority sectors including infrastructure.

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*435. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: